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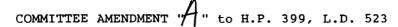


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_	L.D. 523
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6	UTILITIES AND ENERGY
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10	Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.
12	STATE OF MAINE
14	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 122ND LEGISLATURE
16	FIRST REGULAR SESSION
18	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 399, L.D. 523, Bill, "An
20	Act To Designate 2-1-1 Maine, Incorporated as the Sole Provider for 2-1-1 Information and Referral Services for the State of
22	Maine"
24	Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:
26	'An Act Authorizing the Public Utilities Commission To Designate
28	a Sole Provider of 2-1-1 Information and Referral Services in Maine'
30	Further amend the bill in the emergency preamble in the 3rd
32	Whereas paragraph in the 2nd and 3rd lines (page 1, lines 12 and 13 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and an Internet
34	database"
36	Further amend the bill in the emergency preamble by striking out all of the 4th to 6th Whereas paragraphs (page 1, lines 20 to
38	36 in L.D.)
40	Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:
42	Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §7108 is enacted to read:
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46	§7108. Use of 2-1-1 number; designation of sole entity entitled to use
48	The commission may designate an appropriate entity to be the
50	sole entity entitled to use the 2-1-1 telephone number assigned by the Federal Communications Commission to be used for access to

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information and referral services. A designation may not extend for more than 3 years but may be renewed by the commission, after review, for successive periods of up to 3 years each. There is no limit on the number of times the commission may renew a designation of the same entity pursuant to this section. Before making a designation or renewing a designation, the commission shall determine that the designation or renewal is in the public interest. The commission may consult with appropriate state and local agencies and other public or private entities before granting a designation or renewing a designation. The commission may suspend, revoke, terminate or modify a designation if the commission determines the public interest is no longer served by the designation or in response to actions by the Federal Communications Commission that affect the availability or assigned use of the 2-1-1 number.

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Sec. 2. Initial designation of 2-1-1 service provider. Within 60 days of the effective date of this act or the receipt by the Public Utilities Commission of a request from an entity for a designation pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 7108, whichever is later, the commission shall make a designation pursuant to that section, provided the commission determines that the designation satisfies the requirements of that section.'

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#### **SUMMARY**

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This amendment replaces the substance of the bill and modifies the title and emergency preamble to reflect the changes The amendment authorizes the Public Utilities to the bill. Commission to designate an appropriate entity to be the sole entity entitled to use the 2-1-1 telephone number assigned by the Federal Communications Commission for access to information and A designation may extend for no more than 3 referral services. years but may be renewed, after review, for successive terms. Before making a designation or renewing a designation, the commission shall determine that the designation or renewal is in the public interest. The commission is authorized to suspend, terminate or modify a designation if it determines the public interest is no longer served by the designation or in response to actions by the Federal Communications Commission that affect the availability or assigned use of the 2-1-1 number.

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The amendment directs the commission to make a designation within 60 days of the effective date of this Act or the receipt by the commission of a request from an entity for designation,

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whichever is later, provided the commission determines the designation is in the public interest.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED (See attached)

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# COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



### 122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 523

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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'H'
Committee: Utilities and Energy
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

#### **Fiscal Note**

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds